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STATE LOND [] REL 10806 FROM SOURCE IN TOUCH WITH MUNIR ABU
FADL DTD 18 MARCH.

CONTROL

1. MUFTI'S TROOPS IN OCCUPATION OF NUMBER SMALL VILLAGES
IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY BETHLEHEM AND JERUSALEM. ABOUT 14 MARCH
JEWS (PORTION GARBLED - BEING SERVICED) THEM AND ADVANCED TO
WITHIN THREE KILOMETERS OF BETHLEHEM.

2. 15 MARCH MUFTI'S SECRET RADIO REPORTED 3,000 JEWS SUPPORTED
BY ARMORED VEHICLES WERE CONCENTRATING AT ARTIUF AND DEIRABAN AND
ATTACK IN STRENGTH WAS EXPECTED BEFORE 24 MAR.

3. LOCAL COMMANDERS HAVE SENT URGENT APPEALS FOR HELP TO
MUNIR ABU FADL COMMANDER MUFTI'S FORCES WHO NOW IN CAIRO SEEKING
HELP.

4. IF JEWISH ATTACK SUCCESSFUL WAY TO BETHLEHEM WILL BE
OPEN.

5. ACCORDING ABU FADL EGYPTIAN ARMY REFUSES HELP IN ANY
WAY. HE BELIEVES EGYPTIANS WOULD BE PLEASED IF ARABS THIS AREA
WERE WIPED OUT AS THIS WOULD DRIVE SECTOR OF JEWISH CONTROL
INTO HEART OF AREA MORE OR LESS PROMISED ABDOULLAH
HAS ALSO REFUSED HELP.

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6. ABU FADL CONSIDERING ASKING ARAB LEGION FOR ARMS SINCE
HE ALLEGES HIS MEN WELL ARMED BUT SHORT OF ARMS.

7. 15 MARCH FADL TRIED APPROACH BRITISH THRU INTERMEDIARY
TO SEE IF ANYTHING COULD BE DONE HELP HIS FORCES.

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